

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:242

ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007

COMMERCIAL USE OF VACANT RAILWAY LAND

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified, unutilized/vacant land in the areas under their possession for commercial use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether bids for the identified sites have been invited for this purposes;
- (d) if so, the results thereof and the final action taken thereon; and
- (e) the expenditure incurred and the revenue likely to be earned in this process?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.242 BY SHRI RASHEED MASOOD AND SHRI SUBASH SURESHCHANDRA DESHMUKH, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING COMMERCIAL USE OF VACANT RAILWAY LAND.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. To give focused attention to the scheme, Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been set up for commercial development of railway land/air-space. So far 92 sites have been entrusted to RLDA. Zone-wise details of the sites entrusted to RLDA are indicated in the Appendix I. Further, Railways have identified 100 locations for setting up budget hotels through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), as per details given in Appendix II.

(c): Bids for 29 sites have been invited by IRCTC.

(d): Bids for 20 budgets hotels have been finalized and awarded to the successful bidders. Bids for 9 budget hotels are under finalization. The details are given in Appendix III.

(e): Expenditure incurred by the RLDA so far is about Rs 1.01 Crore. It is not possible to ascertain the amount of revenue likely to be earned at this stage. As per the procedure, a feasibility study is to be carried out for each of the site and only after these studies, likely revenue can be assessed. Further, Railways have not directly incurred any expenditure on the Budget hotels. The revenue from the awarded 20 budget hotels is likely to be Rs.3823.01 Crore over a period of 30 years.